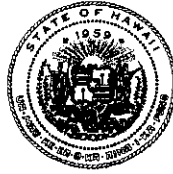


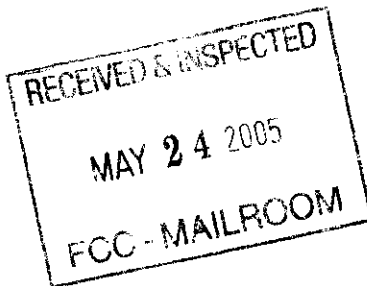
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May 17, 2005

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45 – State Commission Certification for High-Cost Universal
Service Support (47 U.S.C. 254(e); 47 CFR 54.314)

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

In accordance with the Federal Communications Commission's Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, adopted on May 10, 2001, and released on May 23, 2001, FCC 01-157, the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") filed a letter dated August 27, 2004, to certify that Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. ("Sandwich Isles Communications") should receive federal high-cost support funds in 2005 based on its representations to the Commission that it will use all federal service support funds that it receives for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

The August 27, 2004 certification letter, however, inadvertently omitted the following eligible telecommunications carrier that should also receive federal high-cost support funds in 2005:

NPCR, Inc. ("Nextel Partners")
(SAC:629001)
4500 Carillon Point
Kirkland, WA 98033

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Nextel Partners has certified to the Commission that it will use all federal service support funds that it receives for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e), and that it will comply with the requirements to be eligible for federal universal service support. See attached Certification Statement dated October 18, 2004. Based on Nextel Partners' submission and representations, the Commission hereby certifies that the funds that Nextel Partners receives for federal universal service support will only be used as intended under federal law.

Accordingly, the Commission respectfully requests that its August 27, 2004 certification letter be accepted subject to the addition of Nextel Partners as a certified eligible telecommunications carrier that should receive federal high-cost support funds in 2005 in accordance with the above referenced statute and federal rule.

In addition, the Commission respectfully requests leave to withdraw its request for a waiver of the October 1, 2004 deadline for state certification, which was filed on October 25, 2004 with respect to Nextel Partners' certification.

Please contact Brooke Kane, Administrative Director, at (808) 586-2020 to address any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,



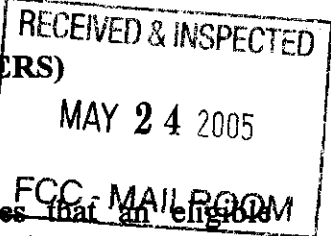
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CERTIFICATION OF NPCR, INC. ("NEXTEL PARTNERS")
STATE OF HAWAII
(SAC 629001)



Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires that an eligible telecommunications carrier receiving federal universal service support "shall use that support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." In FCC Order No. 01-157 issued May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission concluded "that states should be required to file annual certification with the Commission to ensure that carriers use universal service support 'only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended' consistent with Section 254(e)." Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No.96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, para.187. Accordingly, the undersigned states and verifies under oath as follows:

1. I am an officer of NPCR, Inc. ("Nextel Partners"), which is an eligible telecommunications carrier for receiving federal universal service support under Section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
2. All federal universal service support funds received by Nextel Partners during the current calendar year will be used in a manner consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e); that is, for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended. Nextel Partners will continue to comply for the period January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005, to be eligible for federal universal service support.
3. This Certification Statement is provided to the State of Hawaii Public Utilities Commission to enable the Commission to certify to the Federal Communications Commission that federal universal service support received by Nextel Partners will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

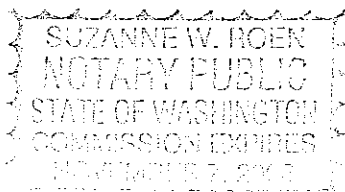
Dated: October 14, 2004

NPCR, INC. ("Nextel Partners")

By: Dave Aas,
Its: Vice President

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KING)

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 18 day of October 2004.


Notary Public
My Commission Expires 11/7/06